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Prices were sharply higher throughout the week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and was reported as considerably slower than it was earlier in the week. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to at times fully adequate for present requirements. Nest run breaking stock with checks and undergrade prices were higher. Most buyers were reluctant to purchase heavy nest runs at increasingly higher prices as liquid markets refuse to increase as raw costs climb. Demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings more available than early in the week and were rated as about adequate to instances tight. Floor stocks in close balance. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	108-115	98-106	66-74
New York	84-88	82-86	69-73
Philadelphia	67.5-86	66.5-84	52.5-71
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57.5-70	53.5-66	40-53
Jackson (1)	57-59	52-54	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-86	73-83	59-69
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	72-76	70-74	60-64
Detroit (2)	62-67	61-65	50-57
Major Ohio Cities (2)	65-68	63-66	52-55
Major Wisconsin Cities	65-72	64-70	53-58
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-87	82-85	68-70
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	98	90

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.87	67.99	53.92
SOUTHERN	60.25	55.99	42.33
MIDWEST	55.08	53.37	42.24
WESTERN	80.72	76.08	66.48
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.45	66.43	54.81

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-29-02	10-22-02	10-30-01
Large	45-48	32-35	37-40
Medium	36-40	21-25	24-28

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 28, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.4	19.4	9.9	13.0	13.1	67.8
	Change	2.9	1.4	0.4	0.1	2.2	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.1	62.4	19.1	25.3	32.6	166.5
	Change	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.3	5%
Large	Curr Wk	48.5	113.8	83.3	96.3	124.4	466.3
	Change	1.5	4.9	8.5	19.3	14.1	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	29.9	16.9	24.2	27.3	108.5
	Change	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	-1.9	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	6.5	5.2	5.2	8.6	30.6
	Change	-0.6	-1.0	0.7	-1.8	-0.9	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	16.9	7.5	20.8	5.7	54.3
	Change	-0.1	-2.1	-2.8	0.6	0.1	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.7	57.2	30.5	35.9	33.7	185.0
	Change	6.5	1.1	13.4	3.3	5.1	19%
Total	Curr Wk	134.4	306.1	172.4	220.7	245.4	1079.0
Percent	Change	10%	2%	15%	12%	8%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1079.0	8%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	260.0	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1339.0	5%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

W/E 25-Oct-2002

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,190,127	29,977	9,999	5,363	2,363	4,201
PW	1,237,893	28,808	11,898	6,420	2,896	4,256
LY	1,195,090	27,560	12,037	6,317	2,685	4,319
% CHG PW	-4	4	-16	-16	-18	-1
% CHG LY	0	9	-17	-15	-12	-3
2002	52,119,237*	1,213,050	501,619	269,613	123,809	184,818*
2001	49,803,928	1,130,122	500,513	267,685	110,462	177,613
% CHG YTD	5	7	0	1	12	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.63	41.51	42.03
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.10	38.07	38.42

*Year to date 2002 for cases broken, liquid whole, and inedible revised.

BROILER HATCHERY

Broiler Eggs Set,
19 Selected States

Broiler Chicks Placed,
19 Selected States

Week Ending

STATE	OCT 19 2002	OCT 26 2002	OCT 19 2002	OCT 26 2002
	THOUSAND			
AL	26,294	26,230	21,211	21,060
AR	27,187	25,951	21,930	22,466
DE	3,292	3,089	*4,521	4,637
FL	2,324	2,250	2,027	2,017
GA	28,020	27,535	23,021	24,014
KY	5,148	5,499	5,360	5,075
MD	*9,317	8,868	*5,750	5,861
MS	16,503	15,867	14,650	14,447
NC	16,933	16,886	13,753	14,065
OK	6,249	5,335	3,584	3,135
PA	*3,286	3,198	*2,525	2,643
SC	4,641	4,206	3,575	4,145
TX	13,046	12,467	11,894	11,386
VA	5,689	5,593	5,401	4,487
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,824	18,220	*16,161	17,221
19 State Total	185,753	181,194	*155,363	156,659
Previous Year Total	189,784	186,671	163,474	165,891
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	95	94

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7-Dec-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 142.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.32 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/24/02-10/30/02

CURRENT LDS		89.75	FUTURE LDS		122.75	TOTAL LDS		212.50
		SE			NE			MW
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	55.25	58.86	50.60	51.80	57.70	—	44.50	
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	42.50	—	—	—	35.00	43.00	3.00	
GL W XL	—	66.43	64.94	65.42	56.36	—	55.50	
GL W LG	—	67.31	63.22	64.21	58.96	—	54.75	
GL W MD	—	—	45.75	50.00	47.77	57.00	21.25	
GL W SM	—	—	23.86	25.71	—	—	7.75	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	43.00	—	49.00	16.50	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	40.00	47.50	45.38	26.75	
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.25	
NRBS - 36	—	—	17.00	19.00	26.50	29.00	1.75	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 26-Oct-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	22.3	21.5	4 6
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0 -5
CHICAGO	41.9	41.3	1 4
DETROIT	23.7	33.2	-29 -19
KANSAS CITY	5.1	4.4	16 50
LOS ANGELES	85.5	80.5	6 -24
NEW ORLEANS	9.9	6.8	46 -3
NEW YORK	33.7	34.0	-1 2
ST. LOUIS	15.2	20.9	-27 -9
SAN FRANCISCO	22.4	20.8	8 3
TOTAL	263.3	267.0	-1 -10
4 WK MVG AVG	264.0		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 26-Oct-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
AVG WT	15.76	35.23	26.22	25.77	27.83
LAST WEEK	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
SAME WK YR AGO	2,226	2,957	89	14	5,286
AVG WT	16.03	33.57	24.01	31.01	26.01
TO-DATE/2002	78,814	117,988	2,305	399	199,506
TO-DATE/2001	86,378	118,751	1,979	506	207,614

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS W/E 26-Oct-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS				
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	817	3	23.18	(A)	820	23.18
SATL	787	-7	27.40	(A)	790	27.40
N CENT	2,242	4	31.47	(A)	2,245	31.47
S CENT	511	17	23.20	(A)	514	23.20
WEST	486	16	24.51	(A)	489	24.51
U.S. TOTAL	4,843(B)	4	27.83	15	4,858	27.83

TO-DATE
2002 199,107(B) 399 199,506

TO-DATE
2001 207,108(B) 506 207,614

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 59,000 for the year 2,305,000; last year to date 1,979,00.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	158,649	1,842	1,530	3,372	379
AVG WT	5.22	3.49	7.91	5.50	6.80
LAST WEEK	155,053	1,822	1,603	3,425	414
SAME WK YR AGO	156,675	1,855	1,313	3,168	445
AVG WT	5.04	3.48	7.87	5.30	6.59

TO-DATE/2002	6,688,770	75,661	60,753	136,414	18,102
TO-DATE/2001	6,630,249	76,768	59,478	136,246	21,647

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.6 million head or 3.4 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-02

	CURRENT WEEK 11/02/02(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/26/02
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	160,211(2)	165,303
LT HENS	1,848	2,003
HVY HENS	1,592	1,584
CHECK TOTAL	163,651	168,890

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Nov-02 is 156.2 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.5 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Nov-02 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 21	162.7	159.0	102% 5.18
28	159.2	158.0	101% 5.13
OCTOBER 5	161.0	157.8	102% 5.09
12	160.0	157.3	102% 5.11
19	156.9	157.1	100% 5.05
26	160.6	157.2	102% 5.22
YEAR TO DATE	6768.9	6808.0	99%
NOVEMBER 2		156.2	
9		155.3	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 10/28/02-11/02/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.60	45	45.46	86
Los Angeles	68.00	65.68	62	61.72	174
New York	44.00-46.00	45.87	23	49.23	55

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
28-Oct-02	21-Oct-02	21-Oct-02	29-Oct-01	
52.93	-0.28	53.21	59.37	

NUMBER OF LOADS 614

MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
OCTOBER	52.97	2731.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-72	66	66.00	20
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	66-70	68.83	143
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-62	59	59.00	20
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	58-59	58.33	120
WESTERN REGION	57-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
(IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	10/28/02	2,225	185,331	82,290
AM	10/01/02	1,984	187,932	74,844
CHG		241	-2601	7446
PCT CHG		12%	-1%	10%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 10/28/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-10 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.38
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	4.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.71

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 10/25/02

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

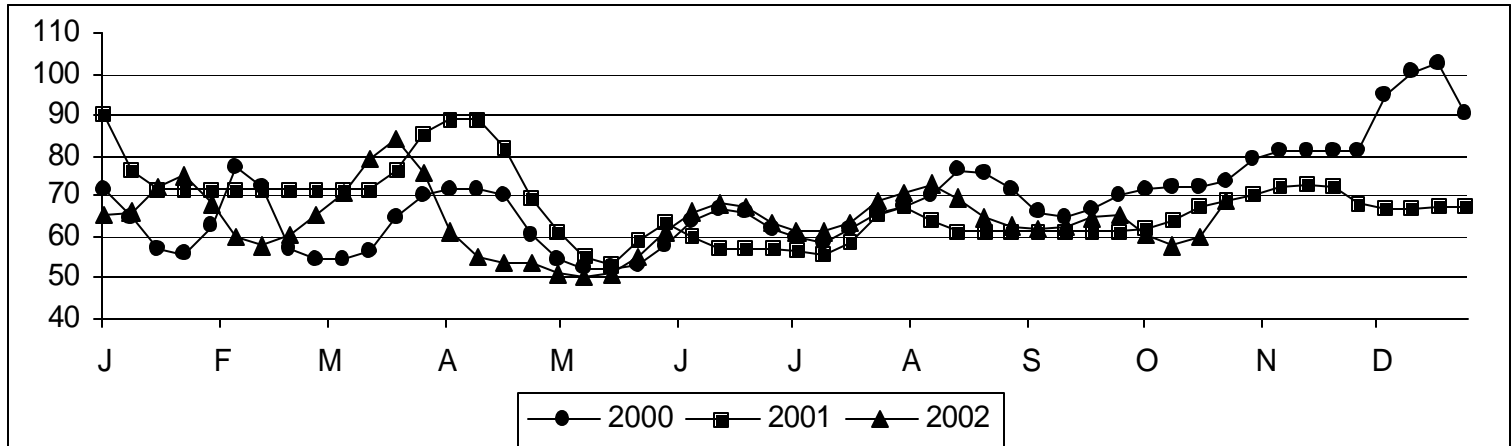
*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

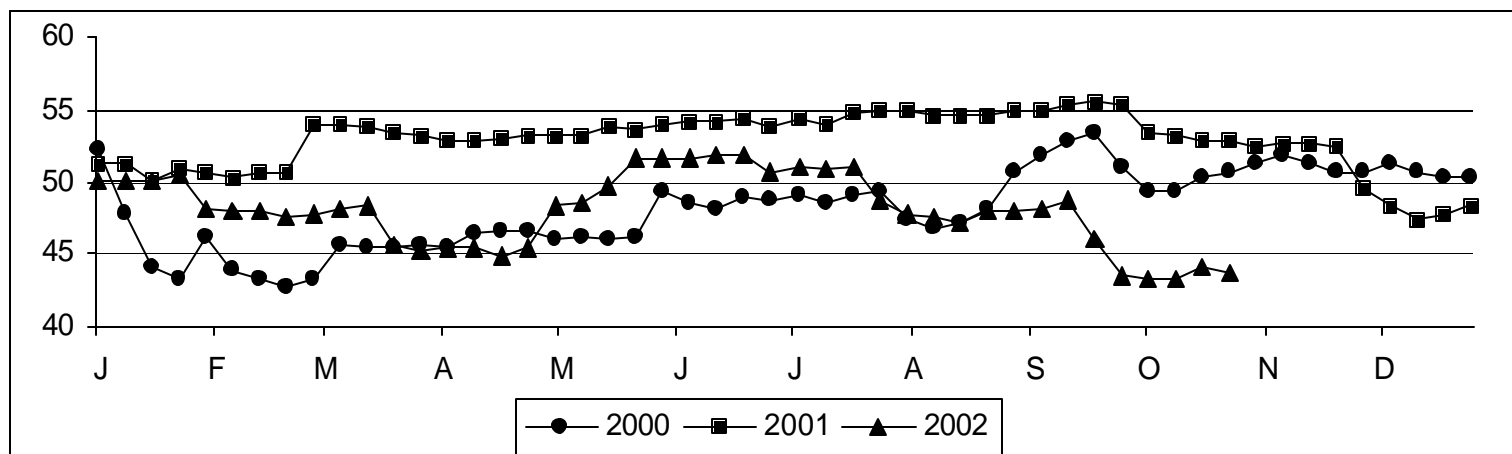
W/E 26-Oct-02

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	232.9	4	3
E.N. CENTRAL	554.8	-4	16
W.N. CENTRAL	266.1	-9	-10
S. ATLANTIC	183.0	-1	1
S. CENTRAL	90.2	2	11
WEST	186.8	-3	-9
TOTAL	1513.8	-3	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

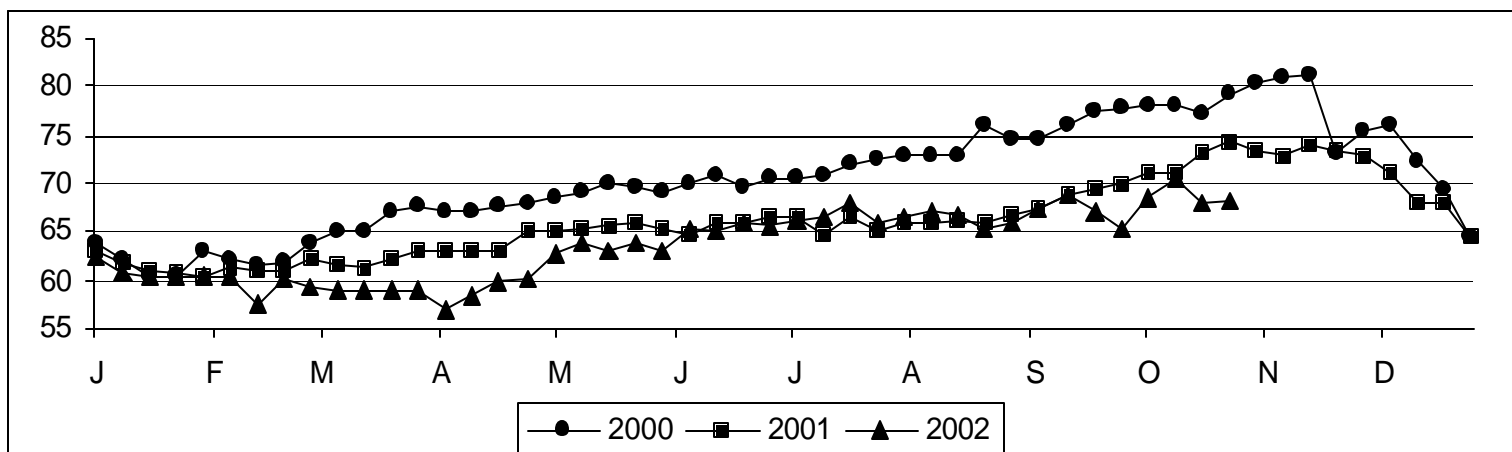
**New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen**



**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
Cents per Pound**



**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys
Cents per Pound**



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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